

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 7, 11, 12 and 14 have been amended. Claims 10 and 16 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 9, 13, 20-26, 28 and 29 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17-19, and 27 remain in the application.

Claims 1-8, 14, 15 and 17-19 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Mills. Applicant respectively traverses this rejection.

U.S. Patent No. 6,692,059 to Mills discloses a sun visor with clam shell core attachment snaps.

In contradistinction, claim 1, claims a sun visor for a motor vehicle having a pivot rod adapted to attach with the vehicle headliner. The sun visor also includes a first shell having at least one arcuate surface on an interior side and a second shell having at least one arcuate surface on an interior side. The shells being engageable to form an elongate visor body. An engagement of the shells substantially aligns the arcuate surfaces about the pivot rod. The surfaces thereby rotatably and slidably retain the pivot rod with the visor body.

Mills '059 does not disclose, teach or anticipate the present invention of claim 1. Specifically, Mills does not disclose a sun visor having a first shell with at least one arcuate surface on an interior side and a second shell having at least one arcuate surface on an interior side. Furthermore, the Mills patent does not disclose a sun visor wherein an engagement of the shells substantially aligns the arcuate surfaces about the pivot rod wherein the surfaces thereby rotatably and slidably retain the pivot rod with the visor body. Nowhere does Mills '059 disclose, teach or even suggest the use of at least one arcuate surface on an interior side of a first shell and at least one arcuate surface on an interior side of a second shell. Mills only discloses a collar 166 formed on one of the core halves which defines a generally circular cross section bore

through which support arm 16 extends. Therefore, as Mills does not teach, disclose or suggest a first arcuate surface on an interior side of a first shell and a second arcuate surface on an interior side of a second shell wherein an engagement of the shells substantially aligns the arcuate surfaces about the pivot rod, the Mills reference cannot anticipate Applicant's claimed invention. The collar of the Mills patent is only located on one core half and therefore cannot align with an arcuate surface on the opposite shell to substantially align about a pivot rod. Hence, it is respectfully submitted that Mills fails to disclose all of the limitations claimed by Applicant in claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 and the claims dependent therefrom overcome the rejection under 35 USC §102(e) and are allowable over this rejection.

With regard to independent claim 7, Applicant has amended independent claim 7 to include the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 10. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 7, as amended, and the claims dependent therefrom, overcome the rejection under 35 USC §102(e) and are allowable over this rejection.


With respect to independent claim 14, Applicant has amended independent claim 14 to include the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 16. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 14, as amended, and the claims dependent therefrom, overcome the rejection under 35 USC §102(e) and are allowable over this rejection.

Claim 27 was allowed.

If the Applicant may be of any further assistance or provide any other information in the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (248) 364-2100.

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